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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hans SIGRIST et al.

Group Art Unit: 1656

Serial No.: 09/606,040

Examiner: Fariba Ghashghaee

Filed: June 29, 2000

For: PROCESS FOR THE MODIFICATION OF SURFACES

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified application. The shortened statutory period having expired November 29, 2001, it is hereby requested that the period for response be extended for three months. There is also attached our Check No. 15082 in the amount of \$920.00 in payment for:

- Extension fee for response within first month pursuant to §1.136(a) (\$110.00) [\$55.00].
- Extension fee for response within second month pursuant to §1.136(a) (\$400.00) [\$200.00].
- X Extension fee for response within third month pursuant to §1.136(a) (\$920.00) [\$460.00].

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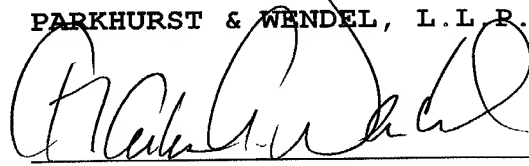
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 16-0331. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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